

AN ACT

ENTITLED, An Act to establish a task force to improve the quality and availability of child care and early learning opportunities.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

Section 1. There is hereby established a task force to improve the quality and availability of child care and early learning opportunities. The task force shall examine the current child care and early learning system for children in South Dakota and provide recommendations for improvement in a report to the Eightieth Session of the Legislative Assembly. The evaluation by the task force shall include the following areas within the child care and early learning system:

- (1) Review the current provision of services, pending initiatives, ongoing planning activities, and funding sources available;
- (2) Review national best practices and incentives to improve quality with an emphasis on service delivery in rural states;
- (3) Identify possible gaps in the continuum of services and seek solutions building upon or enhancing current systems to prevent duplication of services; and
- (4) Identify barriers to quality child care and availability, such as caregiver turnover, caregiver pay and benefits, professional development opportunities, consumer awareness of quality care and learning, funding adequacy, and service access in rural areas.

Section 2. The task force to improve child care and early learning opportunities may not exceed twenty members. The Executive Board of the Legislative Research Council shall appoint one senator and one representative to the task force. The secretary of social services shall appoint no more than eighteen members to the task force. The secretary's appointments shall include parents of children in paid child care; provider representatives from registered and unregistered family day care homes, group family day care homes, and day care centers; professionals in early childhood education;

representatives of advocacy organizations; family members with, or representatives of, a child with special health care needs who requires day care; representatives of business and economic development; and representatives of the Department of Education, the Department of Social Services, the Department of Health, and the Department of Human Services.

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Speaker of the House

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